



Every Child Every Day

SUPERINTENDENT
TONYA HORNE-WILLIAMS

BOARD CHAIR DISTRICT 1
LINDA GEARHEART

VICE CHAIR DISTRICT 4
KEITH SMALLWOOD

MEMBER DISTRICT 2
DR. CHANDRA VARIA

MEMBER DISTRICT 3
WILLIAM NEWSOME, JR

MEMBER DISTRICT 5
STEVE SLONE

Consent Agenda Item (Action Item):

Approve selection criteria for High School Valedictorian and Salutatorian beginning with the 2026-2027 incoming Freshman Class.

Applicable State or Regulations:

BOE 1.1 Powers and Duties of the Board

Fiscal/Budgetary Impact:

Approving the selection criteria will have no financial impact on the budget.

History/Background:

Beginning with the incoming freshman class, Floyd County Schools proposes to establish a uniform process for determining Valedictorian and Salutatorian. This initiative is intended to ensure consistency, fairness, and transparency in recognizing the highest academic achievements of graduating seniors across the district.

The purpose of this policy is to provide students and families with clearly defined expectations at the start of high school while promoting academic excellence and maintaining equitable standards for all students. Establishing selection criteria for the incoming freshman class allows students to plan their academic programs with a full understanding of the requirements for these honors.

Recommended Action:

Approve selection criteria for High School Valedictorian and Salutatorian beginning with the 2026-2027 Freshman Class.

Contact Person(s):

David Marson, Floyd County Schools Chief Academic Officer

Director

Superintendent

Date: July 20, 2026

The Floyd County Board of Education does not discriminate on the basis of race, color, national origin, age, religion, marital status, sex, or disability in employment, educational programs, or activities as set forth in Title IX & VI, and in Section 504.

442 KY ROUTE 550, EASTERN KY, 41622
TEL: 606.886.2354 FAX: 606.886.4550



Valedictorian, Salutatorian, and Honor Graduate Selection Criteria

Student Name: _____ **Points Accumulated:** _____

1. GPA

Unweighted GPA x 10 = _____

*Minimum GPA of 3.0

**Rolling Cum GPA 3rd Qtr of the 12th Grade Year/Early College 1st Semester.

2. ACT-SAT

Total Points: _____

ACT	SAT	Points
36	1560+	36
35	1520-1559	35
34	1480-1519	34
33	1440-1479	33
32	1400-1439	32
31	1360-1399	31
30	1320-1359	30
29	1280-1319	29
28	1240-1279	28
27	1200-1239	27
26	1160-1199	26
25	1120-1159	25
24	1080-1119	24
23	1040-1079	23
22	1000-1039	22
21	960-999	21
20	920-959	20
19	880-919	19
18	840-879	18

3. Postsecondary Readiness

Total Points: _____

College Ready = 10 Points	
Yes	No
Career Ready = 10 points	
Yes	No

4. Cumulative Attendance

Total Points: _____

Yearly Attendance Average: 95%+ = 3 Pts. Yearly Attendance Average: 93% - 94.99% = 1 Pt.			
9	10	11	12

5. AP-Dual Credit

(A Maximum of 6 AP/Dual Credit classes may be used for this calculation.)

3 Points will be awarded for AP and Dual Credit classes completed in grades 9-12 with a cumulative grade of "B" or higher.

2 Points will be awarded for every AP exam passed with a 3 or higher.

Total AP/Dual Credit: ____

Total AP Bonus: ____

Total Points: ____

	Grade	AP Course	AP Bonus		Dual Credit	Grade
1				1		
2				2		
3				3		
4				4		
5				5		
6				6		
Total Points: _____				Total Points: _____		

6. State Mandated Test/Tests

Total Points: _____

Distinguished = 5 pts.	Proficient = 3 pts.	
Test Name	Rating	Awarded Pts.

Honors' Categories	
High Distinction	110+
High Honors	100 - 109.99
Honors	90 - 99.99

*All ties are recognized and will result in co-achievement.

**All Post-Secondary Ready Students will be honored at graduation.

***All calculations will be based on information received before the end of the 3rd Term. Anything received after the 3rd Term will not be used in the calculations.

Class Rankings

The Board of Education recognizes outstanding academic achievement through the designation of Valedictorian, Salutatorian, and official class rankings. These honors shall be determined using objective academic criteria to ensure fairness and consistency.

Class Ranking

1. Class rank shall be determined for all graduating students using the District's approved weighted cumulative Grade Point Average (GPA).
2. The cumulative GPA shall include all high school courses receiving credit and calculated in accordance with the district's grading policy.
3. A Board of Education approved scoring system will be used to calculate points awarded for ACT/SAT scores.
4. Points will be awarded based on students Postsecondary Readiness.\
5. Points will be awarded for Cumulative Attendance.
6. A Board of Education approved scoring system will be used to calculate points awarded for AP-Dual Credit.
7. A Board of Education approved scoring system will be used to calculate points awarded for State Mandated Assessment.
8. Class ranking will be determined by total points accumulated at the end of each year. The student with the most points will be Valedictorian, the student with the second highest point total will be Salutatorian.
9. Class rank shall be finalized after all graduation requirements have been completed and final senior grades have been posted.

Valedictorian

1. The Valedictorian shall be the graduating senior(s) with the highest weighted cumulative GPA.
2. In the event of identical GPAs after calculation to the nearest thousandth (0.001), all tied students shall be recognized as Co-Valedictorians.
3. The Valedictorian(s) must:
 - o Meet all graduation requirements.
 - o Graduate with the class.
 - o Be enrolled in the District for at least the final four consecutive semesters immediately preceding graduation, unless waived by the Superintendent due to extenuating circumstances.

Salutatorian

1. The Salutatorian shall be the graduating senior(s) with the second-highest weighted cumulative GPA.
2. If Co-Valedictorians are declared, the next highest-ranked student(s) shall be recognized as Salutatorian unless all highest GPAs are tied, in which case no Salutatorian shall be named.
3. Ties for second place shall result in Co-Salutatorians.

Recognition

The district shall recognize:

- Valedictorian(s)
- Salutatorian(s)
- Official class rankings
- Any additional academic honors established by Board policy (High Distinction, High Honors, Honors, etc.)

Appeals

Questions regarding GPA calculations or class rank must be submitted in writing to the principal within five (5) school days of notification of rankings. The Superintendent's decision shall be final.

Administrative Procedures

The Superintendent shall establish procedures for:

- Calculating weighted GPAs;
- Verifying transcripts;
- Resolving calculation errors;
- Announcing academic honors.